

*Our mission is to heal, prepare and empower children, youth and families in need.*

## Vera Lloyd Youth Go To Camp Natu'skul

For so many of Vera Lloyd's youth, school is a struggle. With the intense trauma and stress put on their young, developing minds, it is hard for them to concentrate in a classroom. Many youth have missed numerous days of school due to unstable, neglectful homes. Sadly, statistics show us that only 50% of foster youth earn their high school diploma by age 18 (Casey Family Programs).

Removing youth from unstable home environments is just the beginning stage of healing. Helping these youth reach the same academic, social and emotional levels as their peers can take months or even years. Summer is great opportunity for Vera Lloyd's staff to focus on filling these gaps.

The Summer Enrichment Program is designed to take vulnerable youth out of the traditional classroom environment and introduce new learning experiences in a fun, exciting way. This year, all of kids on Vera Lloyd's campus are attending camp... Camp Natu'skul (Pronounced: Not-a-school)

Through fun experiments, educational

games, challenges and adventures, Camp Natu'skul works to open youth's minds to new ideas, boost their confidence in the classroom, and help them improve cognitive skills. This six-week program will immerse youth in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Literacy, Music and Arts. Oh, and FUN! Lots and lots of fun!

For example, what better way to test engineering skills than with a Cardboard Boat



Race?! This year, youth will be designing, building and sailing their own cardboard boats across Vera Lloyd's pond. Experience and hands-on activities are incredible teachers. This project will push creative limits, build character, teach youth how to self-regulate their emotions,

control frustration, push through challenges and even handle disappointment.

Camp Natu'skul combines classroom success and learning adventures to awaken something unfamiliar to many of the youth who call Vera Lloyd home... Hope. Hope for healing, new beginnings and educational success.

## Save the Date



**VIRTUAL Open House:** Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm

[www.VeraLloyd.org](http://www.VeraLloyd.org)

**Lulu's Love in Action Day:** Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, ALL DAY online

**Happiest Hour:** Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Location TBD





### It's Back to School Time!

#### Back to School Outfits

Last year, thanks to our amazing donors, we were able to give EVERY kid on campus a brand new, back-to-school outfit including shoes. This year we are hoping to do the same.



**Each Confidence Building Outfit costs \$75**  
\$50 for clothes + \$25 shoes

#### Back to School Supplies

Please go to:

[www.veralloyd.org/donate/wishlist](http://www.veralloyd.org/donate/wishlist)



for the most updated list of back to school supply needs.

To donate, simply donate online and put "school supplies" in the memo line.

### Lulu's Love in Action Day - August 13, 2020

Wouldn't it be great to **double your money** OR, even better, what if you could **double your impact** and change lives in the process? Each August, Vera Lloyd celebrates Lulu Williamson's legacy through Lulu's Love in Action Day, a day of giving focused on empowering and serving vulnerable youth, just like our Founding Mother Lulu Williamson did so long ago.

Just like you encourage your teens to learn life skills like money management, financial literacy and employability skills, so does Vera Lloyd's Transition Services Program through:

- Encouraging career exploration including experiential/simulated learning, guest speakers, field trips and job shadowing opportunities
- Visiting colleges and vocational/technical schools
- Building experience and confidence in high school students through on-campus work-study jobs at Vera Lloyd and in the community
- Instructing youth on healthy relationships, family life, and financial literacy through monthly Skill Builder Workshops



Transition Services changes the odds for youth so that they can dream, plan and create healthy, stable futures, and YOU CAN HELP! This year, Lulu's Love in Action will fund this critical program.

Please mark your calendars now for Thursday, August 13 and continue to check [www.veralloyd.org](http://www.veralloyd.org) for more information. If you would like to become one of our Matching Gift Underwriters (gifts of \$2000 or more), please contact Kathy French at 501-416-3432.

**Together we can double down on helping youth build brighter futures!**

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## Open House

Campus Tours - Youth Art Show - Music Recitals - Donor Appreciation



**GONE VIRTUAL**

*Due to current health concerns, this year's on-campus donor appreciation event has gone virtual!*

Open House Video will be Available: **Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm**

Vera Lloyd Website [www.veralloyd.org](http://www.veralloyd.org)

### COVID-19 Update

By: Donna Mahurin, CEO

We continue to carefully monitor youth, staff and visitors to our campus. The health and safety of our youth and staff is our top priority during this Pandemic.

#### What have we learned from this pandemic?

- We need to be more self-sufficient on our campus. Trying to keep our youth busy the past three months has been challenging. Our staff have had to be creative with planning and executing campus activities.
- A silver lining of COVID-19 is Vera Lloyd has been able to serve more foster and adoptive parents through our Resource Parent Training Program. The training has traditionally been offered in-person to 18 counties, but recently our instructors have been conducting classes online. This has greatly increased participation and reach to even more families throughout Arkansas.

Yes, I will donate to improve the lives of vulnerable Arkansas children!

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